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In re Application for:

Melik Isbara

Application No.: 08/925,868

Filed: September 9, 1997

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INTERFACING MIXED VOLTAGE SIGNALS

Examiner: K. Wells

Art Group: 2816

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Applicant herein requests reinstatement of the Appeal of the above-captioned case.  
Applicant (hereafter "Appellant") herein submits the enclosed Supplemental Brief in triplicate in support of his Appeal from a final decision by the Examiner in the above-captioned case. Appellant respectfully requests reinstatement and consideration of this Appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for allowance of the claims in the above-captioned patent application.

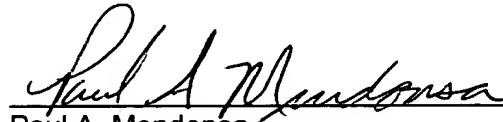
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**SUPPLEMENTAL APPEAL BRIEF  
IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANT'S APPEAL  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Members of the Board:

Applicant herein requests reinstatement of the Appeal of the above-captioned case.

Applicant (hereafter "Appellant") herein submits this Supplemental Brief in triplicate in support of his Appeal from a final decision by the Examiner in the above-captioned case. On February 28, 2001, while the above-captioned case was on Appeal, the Examiner issued an Office Action to reopen prosecution. Appellant asserts that the Office Action was improper under MPEP 1208.2, as the Office Action contained no new grounds of rejection but simply reiterated the

grounds of rejection from which the case was appealed. Appellant respectfully requests reinstatement and consideration of this Appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for allowance of the claims in the above-captioned patent application.

An oral hearing is not desired.

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## **I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST**

The invention is assigned to Intel Corp, a Delaware corporation with headquarters in Santa Clara, California.

## **II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

To the best of Appellants' knowledge, there are no appeals or interferences related to the present appeal which will directly affect, be directly affected by, or have a bearing on the Board's decision.

## **III. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

The corresponding section of the Appeal Brief filed on January 5, 2001, is herein incorporated by reference.

## **IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS**

The corresponding section of the Appeal Brief filed on January 5, 2001, is herein incorporated by reference.

## **V. SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

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## **VI. ISSUES PRESENTED**

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## **VII. GROUPING OF CLAIMS**

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## **VIII. ARGUMENT**

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## **IX. CONCLUSION**

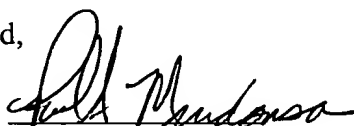
The corresponding section of the Appeal Brief filed on January 5, 2001, is herein incorporated by reference.

This Supplemental Appeal Brief is submitted in triplicate. Appellant does not believe that any additional fees are due, and that the fees already provided should cover the reinstatement of this Appeal. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **X. APPENDIX A: CLAIMS ON APPEAL**

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
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101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	135	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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### 3. ADDITIONAL FEE

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for response within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for response within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for response within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for response within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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